Medical College, Jahangirpuri, which was found to be bogus, a case under section 120-B and 420 IPC was registered.

(e) The case is pending trial and is fixed for the production of accused persons on 26.11.87.

(f) The accused were adopting delaying tactics. Presently, they are lodged in Central Jail, Tihar in another case, and the Court has issued a direction to the Superintendent of the Jail for their production in the Court.

Activities of Sikhs in US

3578. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sikhs in the United States have been lobbying for extending aid to Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether those who have been lobbying include Indian citizens; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to contain the campaign directed against India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government are not aware of any general lobbying by the Sikh community in the USA in support of US aid to Pakistan. There have, however, been isolated instances when some individuals have expressed support for the transfer .of AWACS to Pakistan.

(b) Government are not aware of the citizenship of these individuals.

(c) As seen, these are the activities of only a few individuals Government have taken steps to counter any distortions of India's policies and image.

Committing *ot* suicides by birds at Jatinga Village in Assam

3579. SHRI KAPIL VERMA DR. C. SILVERA :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that birds in a large number commit suicide during tha months of September and October every year at Jatinga village in Assam;

(b) if so, whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the causes thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that scientists from different disciplines have concluded that the principal reason for this behaviour is Geo-magnetism which make the birds immobile at night; and

(d) if *so,* what are the details thereof and what action Government propose to take or have taken to save these birds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Birds have been reported to be attracted by artificial light during September and October every year under certain weather conditions, near Jatinga Village in Assam. The birds develop immobility after landing, stop feeding and starve to death, if not eaten up earlier by the villagers.

z(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and(d) A study being conducted by the Zoological Survey of India has not as yet come to a firm conclusion as to the cause of this phenomenon. In the meanwhile, the following steps have been taken by *the* State Government to save the birds:—

(i) High towers with *strong* artificial lights are put up to divert